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AFOIN-V/TC UNCLASSIFIED Capt Fournet To/55894 Wrim 9 Apr 52

(Unclassified) Inquiry from Associated Fress

Office of Public Information, OSD ATTN: Press Branch

14 APR 1952

Evaluation Division Directorate of Intelligence, Das/o AFOIN-V/TC/Capt Fournet/ro/55894

Droft of reply to Mr. Southined in the first indorsement, attached as inclosure No. 2, is acceptable as written; however, it is recommended that the following sentence be added at the end of paragraph 2:

"The nature of this sighting is very similar to many other reports which have been received over the past five years."

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(Added) Draft of reply to Mr.

Executive, Evaluation Division Directorate of Intelligence

No M/R required

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Then inclosure(s) Ho. A.Z. is (are) withdrawn or not attached, the classification of this correspondence mingilled or changed to __ in accordance with Par. 25e, AFR 205-1.

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Press Branch, Office of Public Information, OSD, Room 2E-761 26 March 1952

To: Technical Capabilities Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Pentagon Annex #3

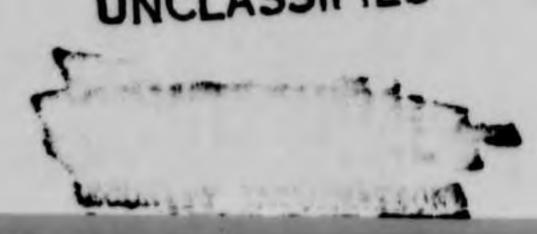
1. Request your comment on the acceptability of the following release to Mr. The Associated Press:

inactive duty, did not see the "flying saucers" himself. He did turn in a report on an alleged sighting of 3 or 4 shiny objects by 3 TACA crewmen. The sighting supposedly took place over Guatemala City Airport on March 15, 1950.

"The objects, according to the streeollection of the information given to him by the 3 TACA crownen, were flying at high altitude, and at very high speeds. They were reported to make no noise and left no vapor trail."

EDWIN G. JANE, JR. Major, USAF AF Press Desk

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Director of Intelligence DCS/O, Room 44-932

21 February 1952

Maj. Jane/ohw/75131

Press Branch, Office of Public Information OSD, Room 2E-761

1. The following request for information was received from Mr. Elton Fay, Associated Press;

"Could we run a check on this report?

"A reserve officer-pilot, for who recalled AD from job flying for an airline, was flying, after recall, over Central America area. While in the area of Guatemala he saw object which he believed a flying saucer. Subsequently be say sev ral others.

"He was released to inactive duty, then a few weeks later called back for two weeks AD at Mobile. While there officers at that base decided to hold seminar on subject of flying saucers. Who had mentioned the objects he had seen to other officers, was put on the program.

"Shortly before the seminar, an A-2 major came to see him. He was questioned for about two hours. Tape recording was made. When he mentioned names, A-2 made immediate phone calls to confirm. At the end of the interrogation, A-2 was described as telling a Listen, there is no such thin; as a flying saucer. You have never seen a flying saucer. You won't discuss them.

"From other sources we learn this interrogation occurred at Hobile on 30 March 1950.

"Before using any story, we would like to get whatev r information or guidance the Air Force can supply."

- 2. Inquiry has revealed that the above is substantially correct, but that the first ame of Hall is inaccurately reported, and that AF has no information to confirm statements in paragraph 3 of Mr. Fay's query.
- 3. It is requested that the correct name and rank of the date of sighting. and reported sighting be rade available to this office.
- 4. No release of this information will be made public until it has been properly coordinated, and cleared by persons who have authority to declassify such material.

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DE WITT R. SEARLES I.t. Col., USAF Chief, AF Press Desk (Unclassified) Inquiry from Associated Press

Press Branch, Office of Public Information OSD, Room 2E-761

12 March 1952

Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection Division, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O Lt Col Adems/rfi/53093 AFOIN-C/TD

Attached is a report which is an interrogation of a Captain which appears to be the report referred to in Comment //1.

2. After your review, it is requested that the report be returned to the Directorate of Intelligence, Attention: AFOIN-C/DD.

1 Incl. AF 417199 WILLIAM A ADAMS
Lt. Colonel, USAF
ACTG Chief, Documents & Dissemination Br.
Collection Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF 3th District Office of Special Investigations Naxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

11 April 1950

SPOT INTEL IGENCE PEPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala, 15 March 1950.

Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. SYNOPSIS: Captain USAFR and pilot for commercial airline, states that three American Crew members TACA, commercial airline, claim they saw "flying saucers" 15 March 1950 passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala.
- 2. DETAILS: Captain two week active duty tour at Brookley AFB, Alabama, disclosed the following information:
- a. On 16 March 1950 HALL was the pilot on a TACA aircraft in flight fr m San Salvadore to Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala. On arriving at the Guatemala City Airport was informed by TACA engineer, TACA pilot, In TACA co-pilot, and Alberta, TACA engineer, all of New Orleans, Louisiana, that they had sighted "flying saucers" over Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- b. To the best of the recollection the information furnished

(1) Date of sighting - 15 March 1950.

(2) Time of sighting - approximately 1100 hours.
(3) Observer's position - standing in front of Air

Terminal, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

(4) Number of o jects - and state that they saw three states he sighted four.
All agreed that objects were in a single formation.

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- (5) No known celestial phenomena or planets unaccounted for.
- (6) Distance of object from observers estimated altitude 25,000 feet. Flying in horizontal level flight.
- (7) Time objects in view unknown.
- (3) Appearance of objects:

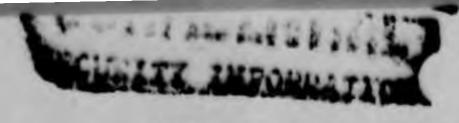
(a) Color - silver
(b) Shape - oval, slightly elliptical

(c) Size - appeared larger than a DC-4 (C-54)

- (9) Direction of flight directly from south to north, passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala which runs south to north.
- (10) Tactics or maneuvers when first object came into sight, it flew north a distance that was judged to be approximately 30 miles about over the town of Ravinal where it turned left 130° and headed directly south. A few moments later two more objects appeared moving one directly behind the other, heading north. A third object passed over after the first two disappeared. It was surmised by the TACA personnel that the first object went back to pick up the second. According to a fourth object appeared a few moments later. All objects were traveling north. Sestimated the turning radius was 15 to 20 miles.
- (11) Evidence of exhaust none.
- (12) Lights from reflection of sun on objects, it was assumed that the objects were highly polished. No artificial lights were observed.
- (13) Effect on clouds no mention of clouds.
- (14) Construction objects appeared to be solid one piece oval.
- (15) Propulsion no noise of reciprocating engines or jet exhaust in evidence. No vapor trail observed.

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- (16) Control and Starility objects appeared to be very stable.
- (17) Air dusts none noted.
- (19) Manner of disappearance objects disappeared from view in the distance
- c. Caracknowledged the weather on 15 March 1950 at Guatemala City; Guatemala was CAVU.
- City newspaper on the morning of 16 Farch 1950 which was represented to be a picture of "flying saucers." According to the picture was approximately 4" x 8" and the object was about the size of a penny.

 HALL stated that he believes still has the newspaper clipping.
- for approximately four years and has always found them to be trustworthy and honest. Further revealed that he had at first kidded the three concerning the story webereupon they all became very angry and very emphatically stated that what they had said was the truth.

PATRICK W. HAYES Lt. Colonel, USAF District Commander

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